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2. Laid-Open Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-270265, published September 29, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

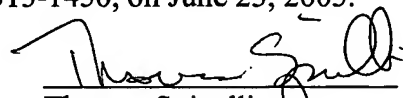
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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

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